

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the State of Vermont, Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire Safety is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our state; and

WHEREAS, carbon monoxide, known as "the silent killer", is an odorless, colorless toxic gas. Common sources of carbon monoxide include: any fuel fired heating appliance, automobiles, fuel fired generators, woodstoves, fuel fired hot water tanks and barbeque grills. Carbon monoxide poisoning is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally and poses the greatest risk to people in their homes; and

WHEREAS, carbon monoxide is one of the leading causes of unintentional/accidental poisoning deaths in the United States, in addition, our local emergency services continue to respond to a growing number of carbon monoxide incidents each year, which are more common between the months of November and February; and

WHEREAS, the Vermont Department of Public Safety continues to provide public education and awareness of the vital importance of installing and maintaining carbon-monoxide alarms as well as ensuring heating systems are inspected by certified fuel service technicians on an annually basis; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Fire Safety and fire service officials urge Vermonters to Install and maintain CO alarms in their homes to reduce the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Fire Safety has joined forces with the newly formed Bi-State, New Hampshire and Vermont Carbon Monoxide Alliance to reduce the occurrence of carbon monoxide poisonings through education and outreach; and

WHEREAS, residents throughout Vermont can better recognize the symptoms of possible carbon monoxide poisoning increasing the likelihood of surviving a carbon monoxide incident;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim November 2016 as

CARBON MONOXIDE AWARENESS MONTH

in Vermont, and I urge all residents to protect their homes and families by heeding the important safety messages of the Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire Safety and the Carbon Monoxide Alliance, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Vermont's fire and emergency services.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 2nd day of November, A.D. 2016.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'P' followed by a long horizontal stroke.

Peter Shumlin
Governor